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This work is a compilation of 5 short stories written on the theme of "boxes." It contains "The Setting-Sun," "Always a Holiday with You," "Pandora's Elevator," "Coffin Under the Snow," and "A Warm Box," plus 4 oneshots, "I Want to See You at the Library," "A Cloudy Day in Spring," "Strange Guys," and "Our Season." This collection of early "boys' love" stories is a "must-have" for all Ichiko Ina fans.



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The Setting Sun





WHY I
CAME
IN?



HOW'S
HE
DOING?



I WAS
JUST
TENDING
TO OTOMO'S
FACE
PLEASE
COME
IN...

HE GOT
OUT OF
BED THIS
MORNING
AND WENT
TO THE
STUDIO.

They
were
living
in a
dream-world



YES
...

OH,
IT'S YOU,
HISANO-
SAN



I'M
SORRY

I'M
AN ART
DEALER,
SO...



DON'T
GIVE THINGS
THAT MIGHT
ENCOURAGE
HIM. OTOMI
IS A SICK
MAN.

DID HE
DRAW
ANYTHING?
I'D LIKE
TO SEE IT



IF
IT'S NOT
TOO MUCH
TROUBLE...

WOULD
YOU
STAY
FOR
DINNER,
MISAKO-
SAMA?



In a small house,
hidden away,
this couple lived
quietly on their own,
removed from any
sense of reality.





An artist

and an art dealer



My relationship with Oogata began almost ten years ago



NO

DID YOU COME TO SELL HIM JACKSON EXPENSIVE PAINTING?

... I STOPPED BY TONKO-BAY'S TODAY



HIGASHI-BAY

GOOD EVENING, KAGAKI-KUN. I'D LIKE TO SEE THE CHAIRMAN





YOU
SHOULDN'T
SPEAK
LIKE THAT

BUT
I'M GLAD
TO BECOME THAT
MAYBE BECAUSE
THAT GOOD-FOR-
NOTHING GIRL HAS
NO COMMON SENSE
WHATSOEVER

MY
SISTER IS
IN FACT
SHE ENJOINED
GIVE A FEW
DECENT
PROPOSALS



HIS
NOT WELL
KNOWN
AT THE
MOMENT
BUT IN THE
FUTURE

IT
BRINGS BACK
MEMORIES OF
MY MOTHER
WAS A
STRANGELY
NOSTALGIC
FEELING
IS THIS
A WELL
KNOWN
ARTIST

Several
years ago
I was the
one who
brought
Chrys
to this
house

HIS
DYING,
YOU
KNOW



AM
JUST
DUE-
DIE'S
INTRO-
DUCE

VERY
WELL
I'LL
HELP
HER



WHAT AN
UNUSUAL
PAINING

HIS



Whether he'd
been born with
this disability,
or whether it
was the result
of living alone
with a strange
father—
words
were
difficult
for
Otoma.



The Setting Sun



...but
I let
Ozawa
make up
his own
mind.

I wasn't
supposed to
take over
the gallery
in this
house...



YOU
SHOULD HAVE
A LIFESTYLE
FREE OF SUCH
CONCERNS, SO
YOU CAN SPEND
ALL YOUR TIME
PAINTING.
FOR ME.

WELL,
YOU
SHOULDN'T
LIVE WITH
YOUR
FAMILY.

Perhaps
it was
just...

HE
COULDN'T
HAVE A
PLACE TO
STAY
RIGHT
NOW...



I believed it
was my fate
as an art
dealer that
I'd happen to
meet the
artist.



AND
YOUR
BIG
ROOM
...?

HEY,
OTOMI!

YOU
HAVEN'T
FINISHED
YOUR
PAINTINGS
...?



MIYAKO



YOUR DESIGN-
TER, TOURCH-
SAM?

IT'S GORREY,
TOURCH-
SAM

I
THOUGHT
THAT SHE
WOULDN'T
INTERESTED
IN AN
ENGAGE-
MENT RING
NOW, BUT



—CONTRARY TO
MY EXPECTATIONS,
SHE SAID "THERE'S
ALREADY A MAN
I LOVE."

—WHEN
I BROUGHT
UP THE
SUBJECT
WELL
SOBERLY



IT'S NOT
YOUR FAULT...
HER PARENTS
DON'T NOTICE

I
WAS
CARE-
LESS

OTONA

The Setting Sun





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But, from the beginning, Ochoa was in poor health. Before long, he became sick and was confined to bed.

Tosko and Ochoa were married in a private ceremony and given a small house.

CHAIRMAN—WHEN OTCHOK DIES, WILL YOU PLEASE SELL HIS PAINTINGS TO ME?

FIGURO—YES

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO TELL ME?

YOU DON'T ENTER HIM IN YOUR FAMILY REGISTER, I SUSPECT? IF I COULD DO SOME SOMETHING WITH YOU, CHAIRMAN.

IF YOU'VE GOT GENTS

IT DOESN'T LOOK GOOD

HOW'S OTCHOK?

The Setting Sun



I WANT TO KEEP OTTO'S WORKS COMPLETELY SEaled FROM THE WORLD, IN ANOTHER TEN OR TWENTY YEARS....

IF OTTO DIES NOW, HE WILL SLAY BE A YOUNG PAINTER IN THE MERE INFANCY OF HIS TALENT.

I WISH HE COULD LIVE ANOTHER TEN YEARS.

—I'LL MAKE OTTO INTO A DISGUISE-LIKE JOINT, SHROUDED IN MYSTERY.



Something irreplaceable is going away forever.

And I will hold on until only my bones remain.



This is all
I can do for
Oyoko...



IT'S
SUCH A
BEAUTIFUL
EVENING

I WISH
I COULD
SHOW
OYOKO



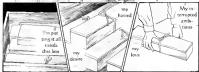
TESSHO-
GUNI?
WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING??



The
best
in this
body
will
win



Someday
the warm
breath
falling on
my neck
will
come...



1980



Our sites
visited only
twice



NO...
THERE'S
SOME-
THING
INSIDE



BUT HE
ALREADY
REMOVED THE
CONTENTS SO
IT SHOULD BE
EMPTY



YOUR
GRANDFATHER
TOLD ME THAT
BOY. THERE
USED TO BE
SOME VALUABLE
PARTS INSIDE...



My relationship
with Ootama
lasted nearly
ten years



The Strong Sun ♡ End



But those
two machines
were enough
to bind me
for life



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「現」をアーマにした悪戯作の連作も編「現
一の確と落口」「現二の確と港といつまでも
伏日」「現三の確とエレベーターのバンドラ
「現四の確と雪の下の奴」「現五の確とあなた
かい確」と読みゆけり4編「読書院で売りたい」
「形振り」「へんなやつら」「懐しの季節」を
収録。専ら子ファン必読の、初編のボーイズ
ファン版作品編。

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